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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

STRUCTURAL IRON WORKERS)
LOCAL UNION NO. 1 PENSION TRUST)
FUND and STEVE M. BUKOVAC,)
Administrator of the Fund Disbursement Office,)
Plaintiffs,)
v.) Case No.
KURE STEEL, INC.,)
Defendant.)

**JUDGE MANNING
MAGISTRATE JUDGE ASHMAN**

COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs, STRUCTURAL IRON WORKERS LOCAL UNION NO. 1 PENSION TRUST FUND (the “Pension Fund”) and STEVE M. BUKOVAC (“Bukovac”), Administrator of the Fund Disbursement Office, by and through their attorneys, Hogan Marren, Ltd., as their Complaint against Defendant, KURE STEEL INC. (“Defendant”), state as follows:

1. This action is brought under the provisions of Sections 502 (a)(3), (g)(2), and 515 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”), 29 U.S.C. §§ 1132(a)(3), (g) (2), and 1145.
2. Jurisdiction in this Court is based upon Sections 502(e)(1) and 502(e)(2) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §§ 1132(e)(1) and (e)(2), and Section 301(a) of the Labor Management Relations Act (“LMRA”) of 1947, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 185(a) and 28 U.S.C. § 1131.
3. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to Section 502(3)(2) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1132(e)(2) and 28 U.S.C. § 1331(b).
4. The Structural Iron Workers, Local Union No. 1 Pension Trust Fund, the Structural Iron Workers, Local Union No. 1 Welfare Fund, the Structural Iron Workers Local

Union No. 1 Annuity Fund, the Mid-America Pension Fund, the Apprenticeship Training and Journeyman's Retraining Fund, the National I.W. Apprenticeship Fund and the Local No. 1 Scholarship Fund (collectively "the Funds") have been established pursuant to collective bargaining agreements heretofore entered into between Local Union No. 1 of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers, AFL-CIO ("Iron Workers, Local 1" or "Union") and the Associated Steel Erectors of Chicago, Illinois (the "Principal Agreement"). The Union is a labor organization within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 185(a).

5. The Funds are either employee welfare benefit plans or employer pension benefit plans within the meaning of Sections 3(1), 3(2)(A) and 3(3) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §§ 1002(1), (2)(A) and (3).

6. The Funds are multi-employer benefit plans within the meaning of Section 3(37)(A) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. 1002(3) and 1002(37)(A).

7. The Funds are maintained in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of Section 302(c)(5) of the National Labor Relations Act, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 186(c)(5), ERISA and other applicable federal law. The Funds are administered pursuant to the terms and provisions of certain Agreements and Declaration of Trust ("Trust Agreements").

8. The Pension Fund, also known as the Fund Disbursement Office, has standing to sue pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d)(1).

9. The Pension Fund, also known as the Fund Disbursement Office, is the authorized collection agent under the Principal Agreement for contributions and deductions to the Funds required under the Principal Agreement.

10. Bukovac is the Administrator of the Fund Disbursement Office and authorized under the Principal Agreement and the Trust Agreements to institute legal proceedings necessary to enforce compliance with the provisions of those agreements relating to contributions and deductions. With respect to such matters, Bukovac is a fiduciary of the Pension Funds within the meaning of Section 3(21)(A) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1002(21)(A).

11. The Fund Disbursement Office is located at 7700 Industrial Drive, Forest Park, Illinois. The Funds conduct business and administer the Plans within the District.

12. As provided in the Trust Agreements, Plaintiffs are required to receive, hold and manage all monies required to be contributed to the Funds in accordance with the provisions of the Principal Agreement and for the uses and purposes set forth in the Trust Agreements.

13. Defendant is an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce and maintains its principal place of business at 508 North State Street, Lockport, Illinois.

14. On April 24, 2000 and February 5, 2003, Defendant signed Compliance Agreements, agreeing to be bound to a collective bargaining agreement with Iron Workers Local 1, binding Defendant to the terms and conditions of the Principal Agreement. A copy of both Compliance Agreements are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

15. Defendant employs or has employed persons represented for collective bargaining purposes by the Union. Defendant agreed to be bound by the collective bargaining agreement referred to herein, the terms of which required Defendant to contribute to the Funds.

16. Defendant is required by the Principal Agreement and Trust Agreements to submit to audits by Plaintiff to determine the accuracy of Defendant's contributions to the Funds.

17. Since December 20, 2005, Plaintiffs, through their accountants, have requested Defendant to submit to an audit to determine whether Defendant is making the required

contributions to the Funds, but Defendant has failed to respond to repeated requests by the accountants to provide for the examination of the Defendant's books and related records necessary to complete the scheduled audit.

18. As a result of the above-described breach of the collective bargaining agreement by Defendant, Plaintiffs may be required to (a) deny the employee beneficiaries for whom contributions have not been made by the Defendant the benefits provided under the benefit plan, thereby causing to such employee beneficiaries substantial and irreparable damage or (b) to provide to employees of Defendant the benefits provided under the benefit plan, notwithstanding Defendant's failure to make the required contributions thereto, thereby reducing the corpus of such Funds and endangering the rights of the employee beneficiaries thereunder on whose behalf contributions are being made, all to their substantial and irreparable injury.

19. Plaintiffs, on their behalf and on behalf of all employees for whose benefit the Funds were established, have requested Defendant to perform its obligations, but Defendant has refused and failed to perform as herein alleged.

20. Plaintiffs are without an adequate remedy at law and will suffer immediate, continuing and irreconcilable injury and damage unless Defendant is ordered to specifically perform all of its obligations required under the Principal Agreement and the Trust Agreements, and is restrained from continuing to refuse to perform as required therein.

21. Pursuant to the Compliance Agreement, the Principal Agreement and the Trust Agreements, Defendant is obligated to pay the costs of any audit conducted by the Fund Disbursement Office and the legal fees incurred by the Administrator to initiate and prosecute the proceedings necessary to enforce compliance with these provisions.

22. Defendant's failure to submit to an audit by Plaintiffs is a violation of the Compliance Agreement, the Principal Agreement and the Trust Agreements. Plaintiffs, therefore, seek enforcement of these provisions pursuant to Section 502(g)(2)(E) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1132 (g)(2)(E) and Section 301(a) of the LMRA, as amended, 29 U.S.C., Section 185(a).

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs prays:

- (a) That judgment be entered in favor of Plaintiffs and against Defendant, finding that Defendant is required to submit to an audit of its records by Plaintiffs;
- (b) That Defendant be compelled to submit to a complete audit of its records for the period January 1, 2001 to the present by Plaintiffs to determine whether Defendant has performed its obligation to make required contributions to the Funds in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Principal Agreement and the Trust Agreements;
- (c) That a judgment for delinquent contributions, interest, liquidated damages and audit fees found to be due and owing from January 1, 2001 through the present, be entered against Defendant;
- (d) That Plaintiffs be awarded their costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in the prosecution of this action as provided in the Principal Agreement, the Trust Agreements, and under the applicable provisions of ERISA, as amended, including 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g)(2)(D); and,

(e) For such other legal or equitable relief as the Court deems appropriate.

STRUCTURAL IRON WORKERS LOCAL
UNION NO. 1 PENSION TRUST FUND and
STEVE M. BUKOVAC, Administrator of the
Fund Disbursement Office, Plaintiffs

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COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between

Name of Contractor Kure Steel, Inc.

PLEASE INDICATE:

Address 508 N. State St.

Corporation

Lockport, IL 60441

Partnership

Telephone (815) 836-8027

Sole Owner

Other Specify

FEIN #36-3848353

(The "Employer") and Local Union No. 1, International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers, AFL-CIO ("Union") as follows:

1. The Employer acknowledges the Union's claim and evidence that the Union represents an uncoerced majority of the Employer's employees in a unit acknowledged and stipulated as appropriate (all journeymen and apprentice iron workers), and therefore and hereby recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining agent for all journeymen and apprentice iron workers now or hereafter employed in the bargaining unit with respect to and for the purpose of establishing rates of pay, wages, hours of employment, fringe benefit contributions and other terms and conditions of employment within the geographical jurisdiction in which the Union is authorized to act or does act as such representative, including Cook, DuPage, Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois.

2. The Employer agrees to adopt, abide by and be bound by (a) all the terms and provisions of the collective bargaining agreement (hereinafter called the "Principal Agreement") entered into by and between the Union and the Associated Steel Erectors of Chicago (hereinafter called the "Association"), and (b) all matters relating to wages, hours, benefits, terms and conditions of employment set forth in the Principal Agreement with the same force and effect as though the Employer were a signatory to the Principal Agreement and as though the Principal Agreement were fully set forth herein, and the Employer also agrees to adopt, abide by and be bound by all extensions, renewals, modifications and amendments of the Principal Agreement and all agreements successor and/or subsequent to the Principal Agreement between the Association and the Union provided, additionally, that if the Principal Agreement, any extension, renewal, modification, amendment thereof, or any successor and/or subsequent agreement is or will be modified or amended by Court Decree, NLRB Order, or other legal authority, the Employer agrees to adopt, abide by and be bound by such modification or amendment.

3. The Employer agrees to pay the amounts of the contributions which it is bound to pay to the several fringe benefit funds described in the Association Agreement, including but not limited to those referred to, and agrees to and is hereby bound by and considered to be a party to the agreements and declarations of trust creating each of said trust funds, together with any restatements or amendments thereto which have been or may be adopted, as if it had been a party to and signed the original copies of the trust instruments. The Employer ratifies and confirms the appointment of each of the employer trustees who shall, together with their successor trustees designated in the manner provided in said agreements and declarations of trust and, where applicable, jointly with an equal number of trustees representing employees, carry out the terms and conditions of the trust instruments. The funds referred to include but are not limited to:

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(E) The following Agreements and any trust declarations, as well as all amendments thereto of: the National Iron Workers' Apprentice Fund; the Associated Steel Erectors Industry Promotional Fund; the Institute of the Ironworking Industry Fund; the Chicagoland Safety Council Fund; the Local No. 1 Building Fund; the Local No. 1 Organizational Fund; the Local No. 1 Scholarship Fund; the Local No. 1 Work Assessment and the Iron Workers Political Action League.

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Dated: April 24, 2000

Accepted: Regan Kure

Kure Steel, Inc.
(Name of Company)

By: _____
(Title of Office)

(Street Address)

(City, State, Zip)

(Phone Number)

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Dated: Feb. , 05, 2003

Accepted: 2-5-03

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